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Rose Bowl team has special niche



"Biff" Jones

By Mike Babcock

Bob Devaney, Nebraska's Hall of Fame football coach and athletic director, used to joke that he'd been in the state for several years before he found out the Cornhuskers lost the 1941 Rose Bowl game.

Nebraska's Rose Bowl appearance, and the 1940 team that made it, retain a special place in Cornhusker football history.

The positive aspects of the experience transcend the fact that Nebraska lost to Stanford 21-13.

Cornhusker football was important to the state in the late 1930s.

With the Depression coming to an end, it gave Nebraskans "something to attach themselves to," according to Warren Alfson, a senior guard on Nebraska's Rose Bowl team.

Bowl games are taken for granted by Nebraska fans now. The Cornhuskers have made 20 consecutive bowl trips and 25 in the 27 seasons since Devaney replaced Bill Jennings as head coach in 1962.

But Nebraska had never been to a post-season bowl when Coach Lawrence McCeney "Biff" Jones' fourth team accepted an invitation from the

Rose Bowl on Dec. 1, 1940.

The celebration that followed in Lincoln lasted more than 24 hours, according to newspaper reports.

A wire service story describing the excitement began: "This city continues to celebrate what it considers the biggest moment since the Territory of Nebraska became one of the 48 states... there is not one citizen who, since the invitation came from Pasadena, has failed to show his appreciation."

Despite falling snow, a bitter wind and temperatures near zero, the streets of Lincoln were "choked with parades of students, bands, housewives, businessmen, moppets, tots and what have you."

University classes were canceled, and students stormed the capitol, demanding that the governor lead the singing of "There is no place like Nebraska," the school song.

The 1940 Cornhuskers were in every sense Nebraska's team. Of the 43 players who made the Rose Bowl trip, all but one listed Nebraska as home. That one, tackle Robert McNutt, was from Colby, Kan.

"Being all Nebraskans, it had a

greater meaning to us," said Herm Rohrig, a tailback in the Cornhusker single-wing from Lincoln.

The recruiting inducement he received illustrates the state loyalty that existed at the time.

Rohrig, an outstanding football player at Lincoln High, wanted to play at Nebraska but couldn't afford the tuition, so he looked at other schools, particularly Colorado, which offered financial aid.

When Cy Sherman, sports editor of The Lincoln Star, found out Rohrig was considering Colorado, he called Rohrig to his office.

"I was 17-years-old and afraid of my own shadow," Rohrig said.

Sherman asked Rohrig how serious he was about Colorado.

Rohrig said he and Bill Pfeiff, who earned a football letter at Nebraska in 1937, "were thinking about it."

"Let me tell you something, son," Sherman told Rohrig. "If you don't play football at Nebraska, I'll see to it that your dad is fired."

Rohrig's father worked as a custodian at the newspaper.

"So I said, 'Well, I guess I'm going to Nebraska.' That's how I was re-

cruited," said Rohrig, who worked for a year following graduation from high school before enrolling.

The players who formed the basis for the 1940 team went through the program together, according to Forrest Behm, another Lincoln High graduate who earned All-American recognition as a tackle.

Rohrig and Alfson were among them, as were All-Big Six performers Harry Hopp, Roy Petsch, Walter Luther and Ray Prochaska.

When those players were sophomores, Nebraska finished 3-5-1.

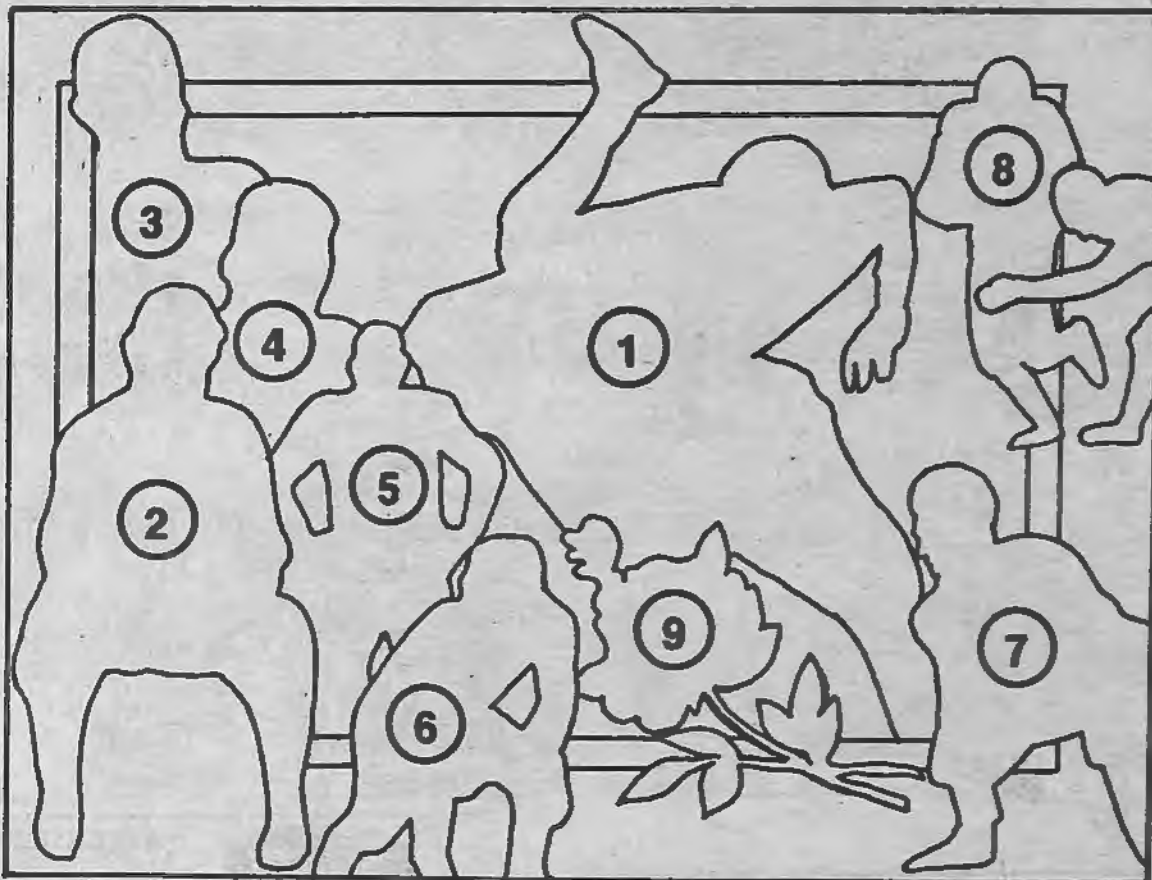
"The newspapers called us 'the laughing boys,'" Behm said during a telephone interview from his home in Corning, N.Y., following his induction in the National Football Hall of Fame last December.

"But it wasn't because we weren't serious about what we did. Basically, that same group of guys went on to the Rose Bowl," said Behm.

Jones, a U.S. Army major, and his staff deserved much of the credit, according to Rohrig.

Jones was tough-minded.

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On the cover

The cover painting is the fourth in a series of seven by sports artist Ted Watts of Oswego, Kan. They depict the seven eras of Nebraska football.

1 Vike Francis (1939-1940) scores Nebraska's first touchdown during a 21-13 loss to Stanford in the 1941 Rose Bowl game at Pasadena, Calif.

2 Coach Lawrence "Biff" Jones (1937-1941) took the Huskers to their first post-season bowl game on Jan. 1, 1941, where they met the Stan-

ford Indians.

3 Forrest Behm (1938-1940) was an All-America tackle as a senior. Behm was inducted into the National Football Hall of Fame in 1985.

4 Elmer Dohrmann (1936-1939) is Nebraska's all-time letter champion. Dohrmann won 11 letters during his NU career. He won monograms in football, basketball, track and baseball.

5 Harry Hopp (1938-1940), half-back.

6 Warren Alfson (1938-1940), All-America guard.

7 Charley Brock (1936-1938), All-America center.

8 Herm Rohrig (1938-1940), full-back.

9 The background shows a view of the Pasadena Rose Bowl Jan. 1, 1941, with an art element indicating "the Rose."

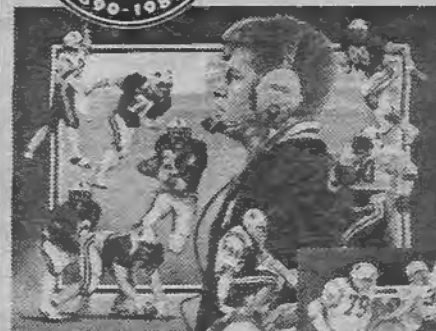
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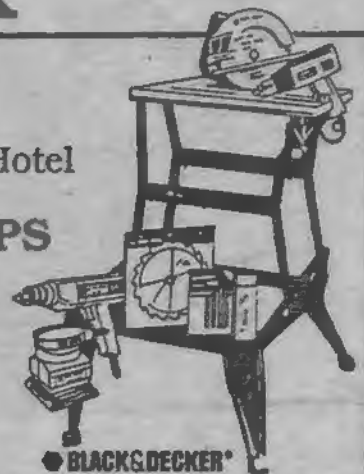
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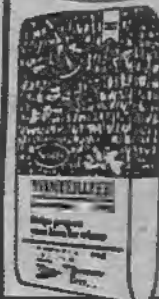
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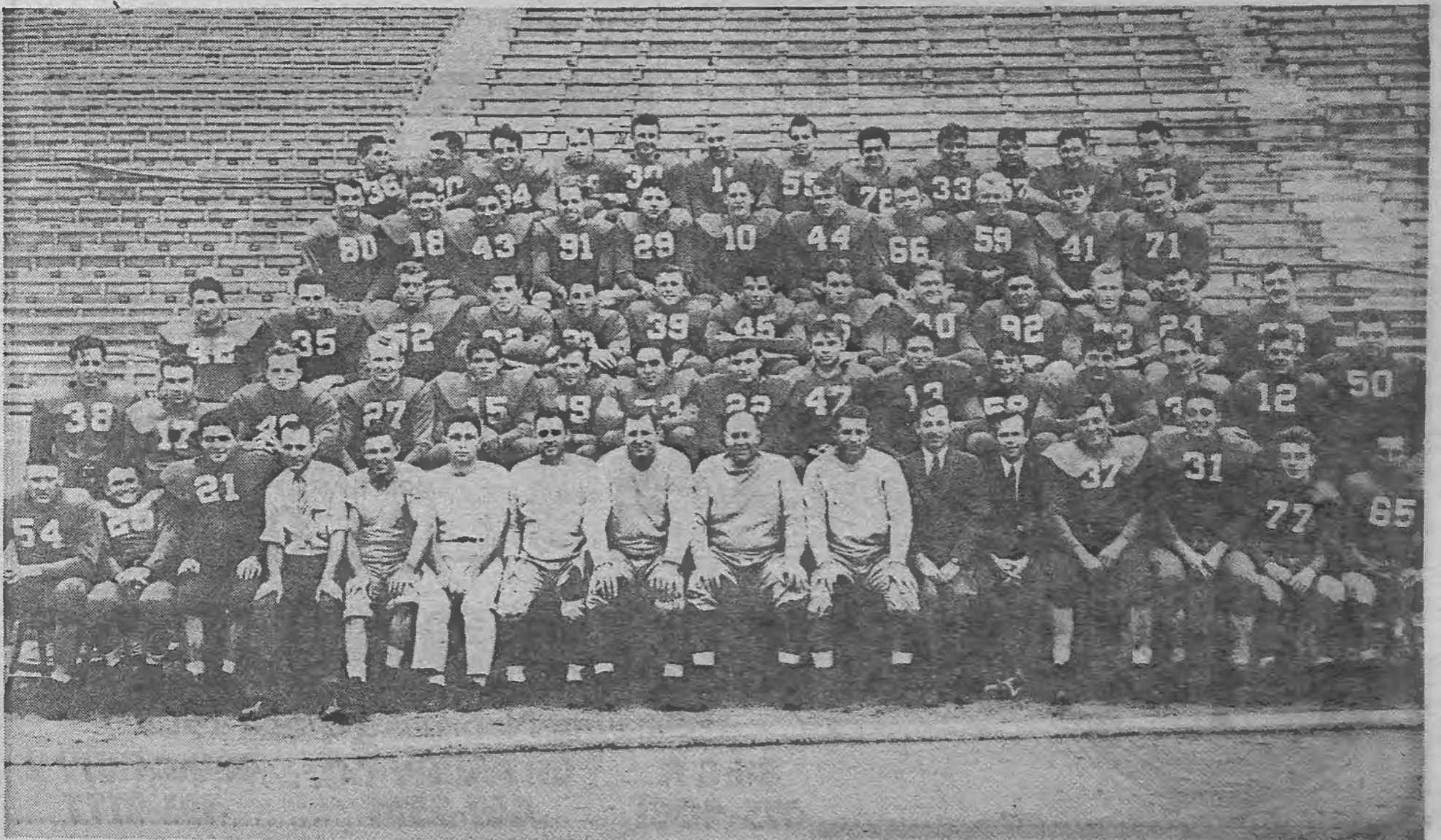
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Members of Nebraska's Rose Bowl 1940 team (below) met for a reunion in 1950 (above). Surrounding Coach "Biff" Jones (center) are (from left) Herm Rohrig, Vike Francis, Harry Hopp and Roy Petsch.





Former Coaches Biff Jones (left) and D.X. Bible returned to Lincoln for a reunion in 1959.

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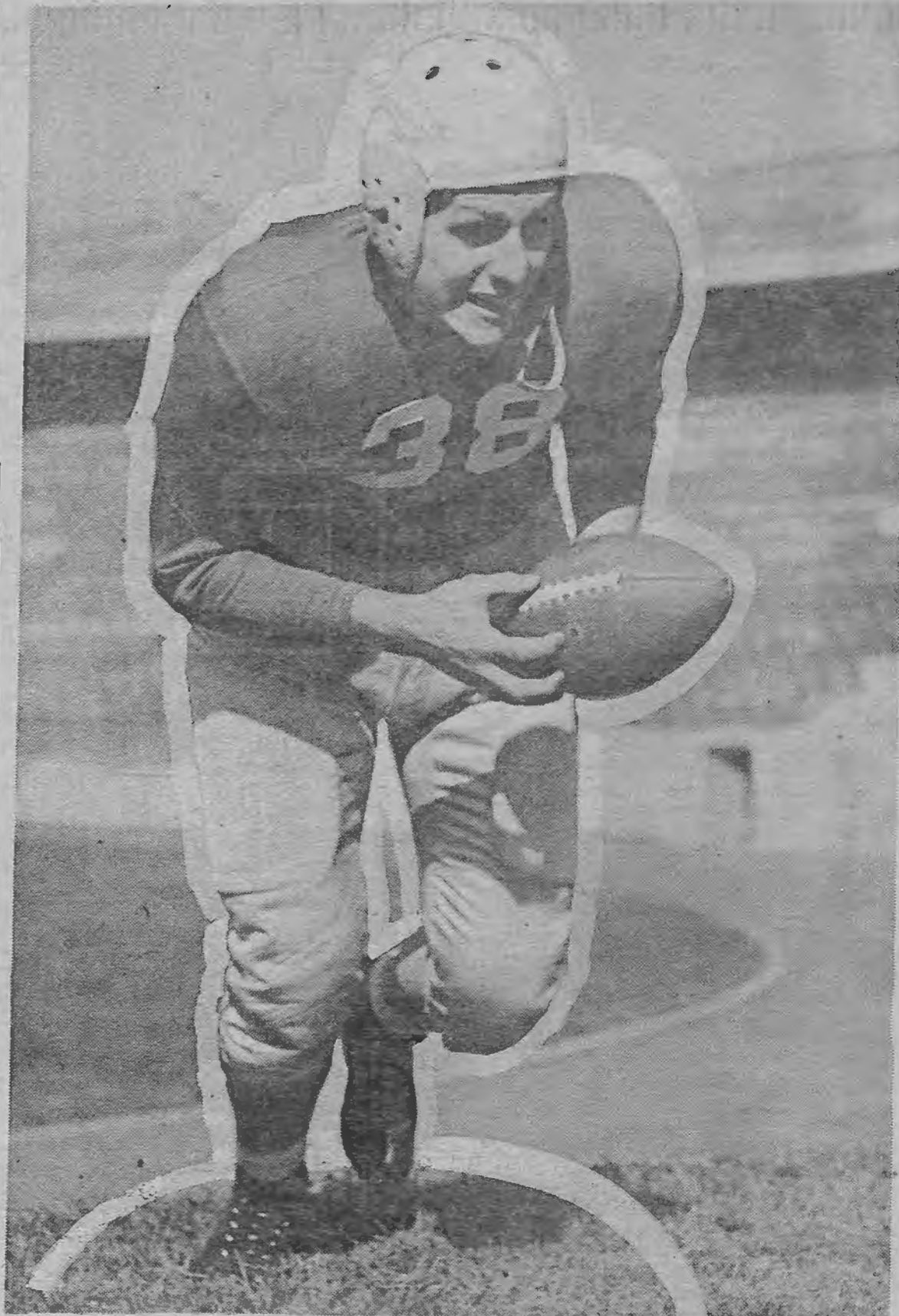
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Guard Alfson began as tackle because Weir told him he was

By Mike Babcock

Warren Alfson was asked what position he played when he reported for freshman football practice at Nebraska in the fall of 1936.

Guard, he told the coaches.

"So they played me at tackle," Alfson said during a telephone interview from his home in Wisner. "I didn't know what a tackle did."

Alfson didn't know what a guard did, for that matter. He had played in the backfield at Wisner High.

But he considered himself too slow to be a back and too small to be a tackle at Nebraska.

So he said he was a guard.

Alfson weighed nearly 190 pounds, though, and that was enough to be a tackle, according to Ed Weir, who was the freshman coach.

Weir was an All-American tackle for the Cornhuskers in 1924 and 1925. When the freshman weighed in, "he gripped my wrist and said, 'That's the same weight I played at,'" said Alfson, who became a tackle.

It wasn't until his junior year that Alfson began to "blossom" at guard, the position where he would earn All-American recognition on Nebraska's Rose Bowl team in 1940.

Alfson was a solid defender, once making the tackle on five consecutive plays in a game against Oklahoma. But "I think I was best known as a pulling guard," he said.

"I don't suppose I was outstanding, but I guess I did pretty well."

In many ways, Alfson was representative of the players on the Cornhuskers' Rose Bowl team.

He was from in-state. All but one of the 43 players who made the trip to Pasadena, Calif., were.

Alfson worked for three years following high school graduation before enrolling at Nebraska, and he didn't play his second year there — by choice — because the season was half over before he had an opportunity to crack the lineup.

"That gave me some maturity," Alfson said. "Now they do it with red-shirting."

He was 25-years-old when he played in the Rose Bowl.



Warren Alfson

"Modest to extreme, Alfson is almost embarrassed by current reports that he'll figure prominently on 1940 All-America selections," a wire service reporter wrote.

"The Husker guard is one player who knows his star won't shine when the sun has set. Both his feet are on the ground. Even the lure of a lucrative professional football career has not turned his head."

Alfson's National Football League career as a member of the Brooklyn Dodgers lasted only one season, but not for a lack of ability.

Alfson played for the Dodgers while attending officer candidates school in the Navy. His football career ended with the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor.

That announcement came at half-time of a game against the New

York Giants at the Polo Grounds in New York City. Alfson shipped out.

When he was discharged from the service, he returned to Wisner, where he still lives.

"When you only play one year, it looks like you didn't make it," Alfson said of his pro career.

But Alfson made it.

He ranks among the best guards ever to play for Nebraska.

Schools didn't recruit players in the 1930s the way they do now.

Gerald LaNoue, a Cornhusker letterman during the mid-1930s from Wisner, "talked me into going to the university," said Alfson.

LaNoue introduced him to D.X. Bible, Nebraska's coach until 1937.

Bible didn't seem to care whether Alfson became a Cornhusker at all, much less what position he played.

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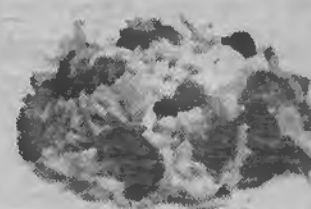
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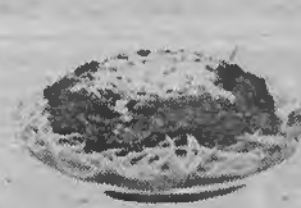
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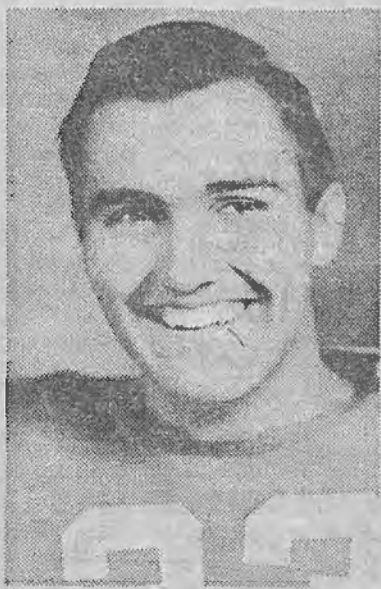
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Forrest Behm (left), an All-America tackle, was inducted into the National Football Hall of Fame in 1985. George "Potsy" Clark (right) was hired as football coach and athletic director in 1945.





Strategy session

Head coach Biff Jones (middle) talks strategy with assistants Harold Browne (left) and Link Lyman at Memorial Stadium. Jones had a 28-14-4 record in his five years (1937-1941) at Nebraska. His teams won Big Six titles in 1937 and 1940.



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Nebraska football chronology (1937-1948)

1937 Lloyd "Wild Hoss" Cardwell, who scored on a 50-yard run the first time he carried it three years ago, scores on the last time he carries the ball for NU in season-closer against Oregon State. Sam Francis closes career in narrow second-place finish for Heisman Trophy.

1938 D.X. Bible leaves the place that "gave me the best eight coaching years of my life," for Texas and is replaced by

Lawrence McCeney "Biff" Jones.

1939 Another victory over Minnesota, first one since early 1900s, with the help of Henry Rohn, Bob DeFruiiter and Harry Hopp, as Huskers experiment with two-platoon system and finish 7-1-1.

1940 Finally, a bowl team with an 8-2 record. Herm Rohrig, Hopp, Rohn, Roy Petsch, Vike Francis, Clarence Hern-don, who was 25, bring Cornhuskers

to their greatest glory by qualifying for the Rose Bowl.

1941 NU plays before largest crowd ever in 21-13 loss to Stanford in the Rose Bowl. Stanford's T-formation was too hard to figure out, said many observers, who claimed it was a great game.

1942 Dr. Dexter King of York, who began the tradition of wearing red to NU football games with a red necktie, dies. Huskers begin string of losing seasons that doesn't end until 1950.

1943 A.J. Lewandowski takes over for Jones who was recalled to the Army. Nebraska, unlike many other schools, did not have many Army and Navy cadets to fill the ranks and getting 22 players was tough.

1944 A second straight 2-6 season, including three shutouts to open the season.

1945 Potsy Clark becomes head coach. NU loses first five games but wins last four.

1946 Train Wreck Tom Novak begins varsity career and becomes known as the

toughest, bravest, ruggedest, most devastating tackler in Nebraska history. Bernie Masterson is hired as head coach after NU athletic board decides to build up athletic program.

1947 NU installs T-formation, and Novak moves from fullback to center.

1948 Potsy Clark rehired as coach after Masterson is fired. Potsy installs the South Platte spread, putting blockers at wide intervals, and the ball was hiked directly to Cletus Fischer (who later became an assistant coach) who would then run for his life.

From page 2X **Rose**

Prior to coming to Nebraska, Jones coached at LSU. His tenure there ended following a halftime incident in which he took Huey Long, the governor of Louisiana, by the nap of the neck and the seat of the pants and tossed him out of the Louisiana State locker room. As the story goes, Jones resigned after the game, before he could be fired.

Jones replaced D.X. Bible in 1937, and his first team — led by All-Americans Charles Brock, a center, and Fred Shirey, a tackle — won the Big Six, finishing 6-1-2 overall.

The 1939 season foreshadowed what was to come in 1940. Nebraska finished with a 7-1-1 record, losing only to conference champion Missouri and tying Indiana.

"We had a pretty darn good team (in 1939)," said Alfson.

The Cornhuskers opened the 1940 season with a 13-7 loss to a Bernie Bierman-coached Minnesota team that went 8-0 and won the mythical national championship.

Nebraska had a touchdown called back because of a penalty. "Being an ex-official, we got screwed in that game," said Rohrig, who worked in the National Football League.

The Cornhuskers wouldn't lose again until Jan. 1, 1941, before the largest crowd ever to watch a Nebraska game — 92,000.

Nebraska led Stanford twice in the first half before succumbing to Clark Shaughnessy's team.

The Indians were led by All-American Frankie Albert and featured the innovative T-formation.

The single-wing was football's standard offense.

Jones scouted Stanford's T-formation by attending the NFL championship game between the Chicago Bears and Washington Redskins. The Bears used the T and won 73-0.

The Cornhuskers "didn't know what the hell it (the T-formation) was," Rohrig said.

Nevertheless, the difference in the game was a missed extra-point kick and a 39-yard punt return for a touchdown by Stanford's Pete Kmetovic in the third quarter.

Nebraska was well-represented in Pasadena that afternoon, according to Rohrig. The Rose Bowl showed the country "here's a bunch of plow jockeys who could keep up with the big city boys," he said.

As is the case with many things, "the older you are, the better you were," said Rohrig.

The significance of an event is enhanced by the passing of time.

And sometimes, the event itself rather than the outcome is all anyone remembers.



Lincoln High product Herm Rohrig, a Cornhusker running back, was later a National Football League official.

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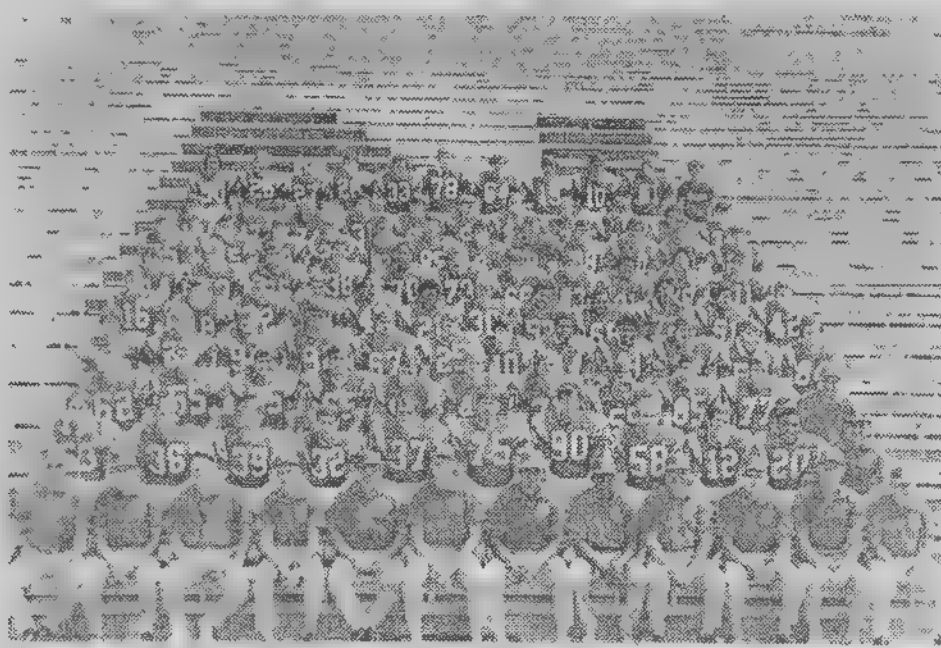
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Nebraska roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Will Thomas	FS	6-0	170	So.	Houston, Texas
1	Mike Grant	QB	6-2	200	So.	Valrico, Fla.
2	Mickey Joseph	QB	5-11	175	So.	Marrero, La.
3	Tyrone Legette	CB	5-9	170	So.	Columbia, S.C.
4	Jon Bostick	SE	6-2	190	So.	Bellevue, Wash.
5	Tahaun Lewis	CB	5-11	175	Jr.	Colo. Springs, Colo.
6	Brad Devall	WB	5-9	180	Jr.	O'Neill
7	Jim Dobesh	SS	6-1	180	Sr.	Seward
7	Andre McDuffy	IB	5-11	190	So.	Eules, Texas
8	Tyrone Byrd	FS	5-11	170	Fr.	Chandler, Ariz.
9	Robert Hicks	CB	5-10	175	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
10	Keithen McCant	QB	6-2	200	So.	Gr. Prairie, Tex.
10	Mike Helms	CB	5-10	187	Fr.	David City
11	Mark Dowse	WB	6-0	170	So.	Broken Bow
12	Jerry Dunlap	QB	5-11	195	Jr.	Ventura, Calif.
13	Junior Monarrez	MG	6-1	270	Sr.	Bell Garden, Calif.
14	Gerry Gdowski	QB	6-0	190	Sr.	Fremont
15	Tom Haase	QB	6-0	180	So.	Aurora
15	Scott Olson	FS	5-9	185	Jr.	Norfolk
16	Chris Drennan	PK	5-9	200	Sr.	Cypress, Calif.
17	Reggie Cooper	SS	6-3	205	Jr.	Siddell, La.
18	Shane McClanahan	IB	5-8	176	Fr.	Oakland, Iowa
19	Morgan Gregory	SE	5-11	190	Sr.	Denver, Colo.
20	Terry Rodgers	IB	5-7	170	Jr.	Nat. City, Calif.
21	Richard Bell	WB	6-0	205	Sr.	Altadena, Calif.
22	Nate Turner	WB	6-2	220	So.	Chicago, Ill.
23	Leadis Flowers	IB	5-11	200	So.	Omaha
24	Curtis Coffin	SS	6-1	195	So.	Omaha
25	Sam Schmidt	FB	6-1	225	Sr.	Wood River
26	Marvin Sanders	FS	5-11	190	Sr.	Markham, Ill.
27	Freeman White	SS	6-1	200	So.	Kansas City, Mo.
27	Kelly Prater	WB	5-7	185	So.	Clearwater
28	Eric Anderson	CB	5-8	180	Jr.	Omaha
29	Bryan Carpenter	FB	5-10	205	Sr.	Olathe, Kan.
31	Steve Carmer	FS	6-1	200	So.	Weston
32	Ken Clark	IB	5-10	200	Sr.	Omaha
33	Tyrone Hughes	WB	5-9	175	Fr.	New Orleans, La.

33	Alvin Banks	ILB	6-0	210	So.	Moline, Ill.
34	Omar Soto	FB	5-11	225	Jr.	Miami, Fla.
34	John Reece	CB	6-0	190	Fr.	Miami, Texas
35	Scott Kurtz	ILB	5-11	215	Jr.	Omaha
35	Robert Glantz	FB	5-11	220	So.	Houston, Texas
36	Todd Bennett	PK	5-8	180	Jr.	Norfolk
36	Matt Reynolds	FB	5-11	200	So.	Omaha
37	Mike Pelko	ILB	6-2	225	So.	Anaheim, Calif.
38	Bruce Pickens	CB	5-11	190	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo.
39	Mark Hagge	ILB	5-11	230	Sr.	Omaha
40	Pat Tyrance	ILB	6-2	240	Jr.	Omaha
41	Tim Johnk	FB	5-10	215	So.	Schuyler
41	Matt Penland	LB	6-0	212	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
42	Jeff Mills	OLB	6-4	235	Sr.	Montclair, N.J.
43	Shane Gelken	ILB	6-1	210	So.	Gothenburg
44	Gregg Barrios	PK	5-8	180	Jr.	Omaha
44	Scott Baldwin	IB	6-1	195	So.	Roselle, N.J.
45	Jon Crippen	CB	5-10	170	Jr.	Houston, Tex.
46	Brian Mohansen	ILB	6-3	230	So.	McCook
47	Mike Stigge	P	6-1	190	Fr.	Washington, Kan.
48	Scott Beckler	P	6-0	195	Sr.	Grand Island
49	Chris Callendo	ILB	6-2	240	Sr.	Brookfield, Wis.
51	Brent Pick	OT	6-5	245	Jr.	Wayne
51	Andrew Zacharias	ILB	6-1	230	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
52	Roger Fitzke	C	6-0	235	Sr.	Harvard
53	Bill Ziegelbein	C	6-5	215	So.	Polk
53	Tyler Zahn	LB	6-2	195	Fr.	Syracuse
54	Chris O'Gara	OG	6-4	270	Sr.	Madison, Wis.
55	Randall Jobman	ILB	6-3	235	Sr.	Lisco
56	Joe Sims	DT	6-3	285	Jr.	Sudbury, Mass.
57	Kenny Walker	DT	6-4	230	Jr.	Crane, Texas
58	David Edeal	C	6-2	285	Jr.	Loomis
59	Ray Relfenrath	OT	6-5	385	So.	Dakota City
59	Will Shields	OG	6-2	243	Fr.	Lawton, Okla.
61	Erik Wiegert	OG	6-4	270	So.	Fremont
61	Steve Keast	ILB	6-3	245	Jr.	Gothenburg
62	Erik Kiehn	OG	6-2	260	Jr.	Omaha
63	Greg Koelner	MG	6-3	285	So.	Haxfun, Colo.
63	Pat Kudrna	OG	6-2	270	So.	Sioux City, Iowa

64	John Roschal	OG	6-3	250	Sr.	Houston, Texas
65	Jeff Chaney	OG	6-2	250	So.	Friona, Texas
66	Jim Wanek	OG	6-1	255	Jr.	Aurora
67	Rob Leuck	OG	6-0	245	Sr.	Omaha
68	Jake Young	C	6-4	270	Sr.	Midland, Texas
69	Bill Bobbora	OG	6-3	265	Sr.	Amarillo, Texas
70	Doug Glaser	OT	6-7	295	Sr.	Balch Springs, Tex.
72	John Clarke	OT	6-2	270	So.	Brock
73	Steve Engstrom	OT	6-3	285	Jr.	Lincoln
74	Mike Murray	MG	5-10	240	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.
75	Ray Valladao	DT	6-3	255	Sr.	Atwater, Calif.
76	Brian Boerboom	OT	6-7	285	So.	Colo. Springs, Colo.
77	Terry Eymann	OT	6-6	265	Jr.	Omaha
78	Tom Punt	OT	6-8	285	Jr.	Sioux Center, Iowa
80	Chris Garrett	TE	6-3	225	So.	Snyder, Texas
81	Lance Bobolz	WB	5-10	180	Jr.	Dorchester
82	Chip Bahe	SE	5-9	170	Sr.	Fremont
83	Tim McCoy	SE	6-0	175	Sr.	Lincoln
83	Brad Reilly	OLB	6-1	230	So.	Lincoln
83	Jeff Lang	P	5-9	176	Fr.	Pop. Ilan
84	Rick Wendland	OLB	6-1	220	Jr.	Topeka, Kan.
85	Monte Kratzenstein	TE	6-3	230	Sr.	Gothenburg
86	Joe Spitzenberger	OLB	6-1	220	Jr.	Omaha
86	Daryl Lese	TE	6-2	230	So.	Omaha
87	Dan Svehla	OLB	6-0	235	Jr.	Clarkson
87	Dan Pleasant	SE	5-10	180	So.	Craig, Colo.
88	Mike Croel	OLB	6-3	225	Jr.	Sudbury, Mass.
89	William Washington	TE	6-2	245	Fr.	Tyler, Texas
90	Le Andre Anderson	DT	6-4	245	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.
90	Keith Makell	SE	5-10	160	So.	Omaha
91	Kent Wells	DT	6-5	280	Sr.	Lincoln
92	Corey Hedrick	OLB	6-1	215	Jr.	York
93	Travis Hill	OLB	6-2	230	Fr.	Pearland, Texas
94	Brian Brown	DT	6-6	255	So.	Indianola
95	Paul Brungardt	DT	6-7	265	Jr.	Battle Creek
96	David White	OLB	6-2	225	Fr.	Gretna, La.
97	Pat Engbert	MG	6-2	245	So.	Columbus
98	Joe D'Alesio	TE	6-6	230	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo.
99	Kevin Miller	DT	6-3	235	Sr.	Hardy

Probable starters

NEBRASKA (4-0)

No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
19	Morgan Gregory	5-11	190	Sr.
78	Tom Punt	6-8	285	Jr.
66	Jim Wanek	6-1	255	Jr.
68	Jake Young	6-4	270	Sr.
69	Bill Bobbora	6-3	265	Sr.
70	Doug Glaser	6-7	295	Sr.
85	Monte Kratzenstein	6-3	230	Sr.
14	Gerry Gdowski	6-0	190	Sr.
32	Ken Clark	5-10	200	Sr.
29	Bryan Carpenter	5-10	205	Sr.
21	Richard Bell	6-0	205	Sr.
44	Gregg Barrios	5-8	180	Jr.

No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
42	Jeff Mills	6-4	235	Sr.
56	Joe Sims	6-3	285	Jr.
74	Mike Murray	5-10	240	Sr.
91	Kent Wells	6-5	280	Sr.
88	Mike Croel	6-3	225	Jr.
37	Mike Pelko	6-2	225	So.
40	Pat Tyrance	6-2	240	Jr.
38	Bruce Pickens	5-11	190	Sr.
17	Reggie Cooper	6-3	205	Jr.
28	Marvin Sanders	5-11	190	Sr.
5	Tahaun Lewis	5-11	175	Jr.
47	Mike Stigge	6-1	190	Fr.

OFFENSE

KANSAS STATE (1-3)

No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
83	Frank Hernandez	6-0	185	Sr.
75	Toby Lawrence	6-5	275	Fr.
70	Chad Faulkner	6-2	270	Sr.
68	Paul Yniquez	6-3	265	Sr.
67	Shawn Fleming	6-4	265	Jr.
79	Eric Zabelin	6-2	265	Sr.
84	Alan Friedrich	6-4	235	Sr.
10	Carl Straw	6-2	205	Jr.
3	Patrick Jackson	5-9	175	Jr.
38	Sonny Ray Jones	5-11	190	So.
88	Michael Smith	5-9	160	So.
17	David Kruger	5-11	195	Sr.

DEFENSE

No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
28	Maurice Henry	6-0	220	Sr.
92	Anthony Williams	6-4	250	Jr.
55	Ekvensi Griffith	6-0	265	Fr.
81	John Crawford	6-2	255	Sr.
89	Elijah Alexander	6-2	215	So.
44	Brooks Barta	6-0	200	Fr.
34	Chris Patterson	6-3	235	Fr.
7	Tyrese Herds	5-11	205	Sr.
6	Erick Harper	6-1	215	Sr.
21	Danny Needham	6-1	205	Jr.
16	Marcus Miller	5-11	185	Sr.
9	Chris Cobb	6-4	190	Jr.

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Kansas State roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
3	Patrick Jackson	RB	5-9	175	Jr.	Columbus, Ohio
4	Jason Valner	K	6-2	230	Jr.	New Strawn, Kan.
5	William Price	CB	6-0	200	So.	Akron, Ohio
6	Erick Harper	SS	6-1	215	Sr.	Denison, Texas
7	Tyrese Herds	CB	5-11	205	Sr.	Tampa, Fla.
9	Chris Cobb	P	6-4	190	Jr.	Dallas, Texas
10	Carl Straw	QB	6-2	205	Jr.	Fair Lawn, N.J.
14	Paul Watson	QB	6-2	195	So.	Kansas City, Mo.
16	Marcus Miller	CB	5-11	185	Sr.	Miami, Fla.
17	David Kruger	K	5-11	195	Sr.	Topeka, Kan.
20	Dimitrie Scott	CB	5-11	175	Sr.	Cleveland, Texas
21	Danny Needham	FS	6-1	205	Jr.	Plano, Texas
24	Greg Patterson	SS	6-2	190	Fr.	Miami, Fla.
28	Maurice Henry	DE	6-0	220	Sr.	Salina, Kan.
32	C.J. Masters	FS	6-1	195	Fr.	Grand Prairie, Texas

33	Rogerick Green	CB	6-0	180	So.	San Antonio, Texas
34	Chris Patterson	LB	6-3	235	Fr.	Miami, Fla.
36	James Enin-Okut	LB	6-0	230	Sr.	Carrollton, Texas
38	Sonny Ray Jones	FB	5-11	190	So.	Ravenna, Ohio
40	Curtis Madden	FB	5-11	225	So.	Denison, Texas
42	Richard Boyd	RB	5-6	190	Jr.	Denver, Colo.
44	Brooks Barta	LB	6-0	200	Fr.	Smith Center, Kan.
51	Lance Denton	NT	5-10	240	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo.
53	Reggie Blackwell	DE	6-2	205	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.
54	Matt Hennesy	LB	6-1	225	Sr.	Enid, Okla.
55	Ekvensi Griffith	NT	6-0	265	Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.
57	Brett Weis	DT	6-1	235	Fr.	Manhattan, Kan.
59	Jody Kilian	DT	6-4	250	Fr.	Belle Plaine, Kan.
67	Shawn Fleming	OG	6-4	265	Jr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
68	Paul Yniquez	C	6-3	265	Sr.	LaMirada, Calif.
69	Josh Kolb	OG	6-4	250	Fr.	Freeport, Ill.

70	Chad Faulkner	OG	6-2	270	Sr.	Wichita, Kan.
71	Ed Sewruck	OT	6-6	305	Fr.	Youngstown, Ohio
72	Ramon Davenport	DE	6-2	215	Jr.	Union Springs, Ala.
75	Toby Lawrence	OT	6-5	275	Fr.	Irving, Texas
77	Mike Orr	OT	6-6	250	Fr.	Paola, Kan.
79	Eric Zabelin	OT	6-2	265	Sr.	Olathe, Kan.
80	Jon Krull	TE	6-4	220	Jr.	Plano, Texas
81	John Crawford	DT	6-2	255	Sr.	East St. Louis, Ill.
83	Frank Hernandez	SE	6-0	185	Sr.	Mission, Texas
84	Alan Friedrich	TE	6-4	235	Sr.	Alexandria, Va.
87	David Brooks	SE	6-0	160	So.	Marshall, Texas
88	Michael Smith	FL	5-9	160	So.	Hutchinson, Kan.
89	Elijah Alexander	DE	6-2	215	So.	Fort Worth, Texas
90	Al Jones	TE	6-4	215	So.	Overtland Park, Kan.
92	Anthony Williams	DT	6-4	250	Jr.	Flint, Mich.
97	Robert Hubbell	DT	6-3	240	Fr.	Pemberton, N.J.

AD finally has something to show for his efforts

By Ken Hambleton

Steve Miller got into his car with his wife Suzanne. After he had driven a mile toward home, he pulled over, shut off the car and cried.

"It was the sudden realization that I had just been through the most emotional moment in my life athletically," he said. "It was a physical and emotional release, and it felt good. Very good. Great."

Miller finally had something to show for his efforts.

For the last 17 months, Miller has been selling, cajoling, bending and vending supporters for the Kansas State athletic program.

He was hired as athletic director in Manhattan, Kan., in the summer of 1988. His first goal was to bring the football program above the level of contempt.

The Wildcats had succeeded in losing more often than any other team in college football. Never mind that the basketball team was very competitive. Never mind the track and field teams had plenty of respect and the baseball program was posting winning seasons.

The focus in this part of the country is in football. And the Kansas State football program had surpassed only Voyager II in slipping deeper and deeper into the void.

Miller got support. He got money. He started to build buildings. He sold tickets. He promised that people joining the Kansas State football pro-

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— Steve Miller
KSU athletic director

gram would get to be a part of something nobody else could offer.

It worked.

Kansas State pumped in extra millions into the football program. They started to build new football offices. They bought new uniforms. They hired a new coach and staff at salary levels that are second in the Big Eight. They've planned for a new

pressbox to replace the temporary one that was built 25 years ago. They plan to resurface the field and fix up the stadium.

"We are in a perfect position to take a giant step forward," Miller said. There was nowhere to go but up.

But the Wildcats struggled through

another winless season. They knelt to Northern Iowa, Northern Illinois and Arizona State this season, extending the nation's longest losing streak and longest non-winning streak.

Then, it happened. A miracle. The miracle that Miller had promised appeared at Wildcat Stadium last Saturday.

Kansas State lost the lead with 1:44 left and appeared to be headed to defeat at the hands of North Texas State.

But something happened that hasn't happened in a long time at K-State.

Carl Straw quarterbacked a nine-play drive to the North Texas State 12-yard line. He passed to Frank Hernandez on the final play of the game.

Hernandez caught the ball and Kansas State won.

"I've been coach of Olympic teams, and I've seen world records set, but it was nothing like this," Miller said.

"First, it was a win. Critical relief for us and affirmation that we're doing the right things.

"Second, we came from behind and we had every opportunity to lose, but we came back.

"Third, the 26,000 fans didn't leave when we lost the lead. They stuck around and saw something special. They stuck around, pounded on the lockerroom doors and demanded the team come back out for an ovation.

"Fourth, this was good for our

kids. They are kids and they needed something positive."

Miller said he can't get to the boosters who have already supported the program quick enough. He said he can't wait to get to those who were waivering.

"One win does not spell success in capital letters. But it does affirm you have the ability to win," he said.

The victory could mean a half a million dollars to the K-State program. Miller said it was going to be hard to handle the ticket requests for the Kansas game. The Missouri game is parents day and looks like a game K-State could win, he said. The Colorado game could be against the No. 1 team in the country.

"People who have lost sight of the goal and the mission can't understand what happened here last weekend," he said. "At North Carolina, the basketball program can only try to repeat what has been done. At Southern Cal, the football program can only try to be as good as the past.

"Here, at what Sports Illustrated called 'Futility U,' we are not jaded, we have not lost perspective and we can all be a part of something nobody else has ever done — turn the losingest program in all of college sports into a winner.

"We're calling it the end of one thing and a great beginning of another. I don't know if Nebraska is going to be impressed with that, but we are."

New Kansas State coach says work far from over

Perspective may determine the ultimate weight of Kansas State's victory over North Texas State last week.

To Kansas State Athletic Director Steve Miller, the Wildcats' first victory in three years was a relief.

"We didn't just get a monkey off our back. We got a bison off our back," he said.

New Kansas State football coach Bill Snyder immediately put the weight back on.

"It's all on how you take things into perspective," Snyder said. "Obviously, I think all of us were pleased with the fact we won.

"But someone asked me, and the very first thought that went through my mind when Frank Hernandez caught the touchdown pass was the

fact we had to play Nebraska the next week.

"We would like to take the time to enjoy the win, but the time isn't there. The clock is relentless. It's just like the ocean, and it won't slow down for you."

He's already eschewed the chances of a moral victory in the Nebraska game.

"I've never prepared for a game in my life, and I don't think any of our coaches have, where we went into a game saying we want a moral victory," Snyder said. "But it's important for us, regardless of the outcome, to be able to identify correctly whether we've stayed on track and continued to improve."

So the load is back on K-State's back.

The Wildcats moved ahead in a number of areas against North Texas State, Snyder said.

"We'll have to play hard, not make mistakes, play as well as we possibly can play and have some good fortune along the way and hope that Nebraska, from time to time, may stub it's toe," Snyder said.

The Wildcat defense will help. Except for two big plays by North Texas State, K-State held the Mean Green to eight first downs and 117 yards of total offense.

"If it was a tremendous effort," Snyder said. "I told our football team, you cannot line up and play Manhattan Junior High School and expect to hold them to eight first downs and 117 yards in total offense.

"Yet, the thing everyone has to

realize if there are 70 snaps in the ball game, you can't play 69, you can't play 68. Now, maybe a Nebraska can line up and get 65 out of 70 plays and survive, but at Kansas State you can't do that."

Snyder said he wasn't going to drastically change anything in preparation for Nebraska.

"We cannot change our approach for anybody," he said. "You will easily identify our offense and our defense when we get on the field."

He said the same thing about the Cornhuskers.

"They are as physical as they have always been. They have always had excellent running backs, and that is no different this year. They execute, they do the thing that they do and they do them very, very well."



Bill Snyder

Wildcats at a glance

Record: 1-3.

Key Players: quarterback Carl Straw, receiver Frank Hernandez, receiver Pat Jackson, safety Erick Harper, defensive end Maurice Henry, offensive guards Chad Faulkner and Eric Zabelin.

Strengths: The Wildcat defense is better than many expect. With a strong punter in Chris Cobb and defensive end Maurice Henry, K-State has proven to be much improved in every defensive category. The receivers — Hernandez, Michael Smith and Pat Jackson — may be among the most versatile in the conference and give the Wildcats plenty of options on offense.

Weaknesses: Still a weak sister in the Big Eight, K-State finally ended a 30-game streak without a win by beating Div. I-AA leader North Texas State. There is a lack of depth, a

question of the health of the quarterbacks and the ability to score. The Wildcats average 1.4 yards per rush in a dismal running game.

Notes: K-State's Pat Jackson played twice before in Memorial Stadium — for Waldorf Junior College . . . He scored five touchdowns in a win over the Nebraska JVs in 1987 and three more in a loss to the JVs last year . . . Nebraska has won the last 20 games in the series. KSU won 12-0 in Lincoln in 1968 . . . K-State has not scored a touchdown against NU since 1984 . . . The last time KSU Coach Bill Snyder was in Memorial Stadium, he was offensive coordinator of Iowa, which lost 56-0 that day . . . Mark Porter kicked a 61-yard field goal for KSU's only score against NU last year. NU had 622 yards of total offense in the 48-3 victory.



Carl Straw



Maurice Henry

Weekend TV capsules

College Saturday

PENNSYLVANIA AT COLUMBIA

Time: 11:30 a.m.
TV: ESPN (Cable Channel 23)
Announcers: Sean McDonough and Stan White.

Notes: Both Ivy League teams are coming off meetings with 1988 Colonial League champion Lafayette. Penn, which was idle last week, defeated Lafayette 25-12 two weeks ago. Lafayette bounced back to pummel Columbia 52-14 last week. Last year, Penn defeated Columbia 24-10.

AUBURN AT KENTUCKY

Time: 11:30 a.m.
TV: TBS (Cable Channel 4)

Announcers: Bob Neal and Tim Foley.

Notes: Auburn dropped from fourth to 11th in The AP Top 25 after it lost to Tennessee 21-10 Saturday. The loss also dropped the Tigers, who shared last year's Southeastern Conference title with Louisiana State, to 2-1 overall and 0-1 in the league. Kentucky, which had last week off, also is 2-1 and 0-1. Auburn defeated the Wildcats 20-10 in 1988 to take a 19-5-1 lead in the series.

VIRGINIA AT CLEMSON

Time: 1:30 p.m.
TV: CBS (Channels 3, 10/11)
Announcers: Jim Nantz, Pat Haden and John Dockery.
Notes: Clemson has won all 28

previous meetings between the two Atlantic Coast Conference schools, including a 10-7 victory in 1988. The 15th-ranked Tigers, last year's ACC champions, are 4-1 overall and 1-1 in the conference after losing to Duke 21-17 last week. Virginia, which just missed making this week's AP Top 25, is 4-1 and 2-0 after beating non-conference opponent William & Mary 24-12.

OHIO STATE AT ILLINOIS

Time: 2:30 p.m.
TV: ABC (Channel 7)
Announcers: Keith Jackson, Mike Adamle and Bob Griese.
Notes: The two teams open Big Ten Conference play with 2-1 records. Ohio State defeated Boston College 34-29 last week, while 18th-ranked Illinois — which beat Utah State 41-2 two weeks ago — was idle. Ohio State has a 51-22-4 lead in the series, which began in 1902. The Illini won 31-12 last year.

GEORGIA AT TENNESSEE

Time: 6 p.m.
TV: ESPN (Cable Channel 23)
Announcers: Ron Franklin and Kevin Kiley.
Notes: Tennessee skyrocketed from 12th to sixth in the ratings by beating then-No. 4 Auburn 21-10. The Vols are 4-0 overall and 1-0 in the Southeastern Conference. Georgia, 1-0 in the SEC, is 2-1 overall after losing to South Carolina 24-20. It will be the 21st meeting between the teams, with Georgia using a four-game winning streak to build a 10-8-2 lead.

ARIZONA STATE AT UCLA

Time: 9:30 p.m.
TV: ESPN (Cable Channel 23)
Announcers: Mike Patrick and Gene Washington.
Notes: UCLA returned to the ratings at No. 25 this week after defeating California 24-6 to improve to 2-2 overall and 1-0 in the Pacific 10. The losses were to Michigan and Tennessee, both ranked in the top six.

NFL Sunday

NEW YORK GIANTS AT PHILADELPHIA

Time: Noon
TV: CBS (Channels 3, 10/11)

Notes: New York has won 60 of the 109 games played against NFC East rival Philadelphia. Last year, the Eagles ended a string of six straight losses to New York by winning twice, the Eagles' first sweep of the Giants in eight years. The Giants have won seven of the last 10 games played at Philadelphia. The Giants, 4-0 for the first time since 1968, haven't been 5-0 in 48 years. The 2-2 Eagles, who sacked Joe Montana eight times in their loss to San Francisco, had no sacks in last weekend's loss to Chicago. New York has averaged 146.8 yards rushing per game — 3.9 yards a carry — this season, despite the loss of running back Joe Morris. The Eagles are second in the NFL in passing with 293 yards a game, but they are last in defense, allowing an average of 391.8 yards.

BUFFALO AT INDIANAPOLIS

Time: Noon
TV: NBC (Channel 6)

Notes: The series is tied 18-18. The clubs have split the season series each year since 1984. Buffalo, 3-1 this season, has just one win in five games at the Hoosier Dome since the Colts left Baltimore. Buffalo quarterback Jim Kelly has thrown eight touchdowns in the past two weeks and leads the NFL with 10. Indianapolis linebacker O'Brien Alston is out for the season with a hyperextended left knee caused on a roll-block by the New York Jets' Freeman McNeil. Indianapolis has given up an average of 426.5 yards in its two losses and an average of just 226.5 yards in its two wins. The Colts were 4-0 at home against AFC East opponents last year.

SAN FRANCISCO AT NEW ORLEANS

Time: 3 p.m.
TV: CBS (Channels 3, 10/11)
Notes: San Francisco leads the series 26-11-2 and has won 13 of the last 17 games. Since 1980, the Saints have beaten the 49ers only once in the Louisiana Superdome. This meeting of NFC West teams originally was scheduled for San Francisco, but the National League baseball playoffs forced a switch. The teams will play at Candlestick Park on Nov. 6. New Orleans, which opened the year with a 28-0 rout of Dallas, has lost three straight for its worst start since 1986. The 49ers' 3-1 start is the best after any of their Super Bowl victories. In 1982, San Francisco was 1-3. Three seasons later, the team was 2-2. Former Nebraska running back Tom Rathman, who fumbled last week in the 49ers' loss to the Los Angeles Rams, had dropped the ball only once before in 47 regular-season games. The Saints have scored 90 first-half points this season and 17 second-half points.

NFL Monday

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS AT NEW YORK JETS

Time: 8 p.m.
TV: ABC (Channel 7)
Announcers: Frank Gifford, Al Michaels and Dan Dierdorf.
Notes: The Raiders lead the series 12-11-2. The clubs have played only twice during the 1980s. New York won an AFC playoff game in 1982, and Los Angeles blanked the Jets 31-0 in the 1985 opener. After a 1-3 start, the Raiders fired head coach Mike Shanahan on Tuesday, replacing him with former Raider Art Shell. Shanahan had an 8-12 record after taking over at the beginning of 1988. Los Angeles has lost three straight games, the Raiders' longest losing streak since the final three games of 1987. New York's 1-3 start is its worst since 1981.

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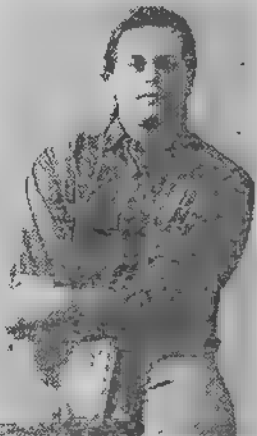
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Wesleyan's third-string fullback a real Springer

By Mark Derowitsch

Nebraska Wesleyan running back Mike Springer needs attention from the Plainsmen coaches.

Last Saturday, he was definitely noticed by Central Methodist's defense. Springer, a junior from Centennial, rushed for a team-high 104 yards in the Plainsmen's 46-3 win. It was the first time this season that a Plainsmen back gained over 100 yards on the ground.

Springer, a third-team fullback, said he's keeping his success in perspective. He said he realizes his chance to carry the ball against Hastings Saturday at Abel Stadium depends on Wesleyan's success. Wesleyan enters the 1:30 p.m. game with a 3-4 record and rated No. 12 in the latest NAIA Division II poll.

"I've been sitting on the bench just aching for a chance to play," Springer said. "When I finally got the chance, I didn't want to blow it. I'm just hoping to turn some of the coaches' heads when I get in there."

Nebraska Wesleyan Coach Jim Svoboda is keeping Springer's effort in perspective, too.

"You have to remember that all of his yards came in the third and fourth quarters," he said.

Brian Salmon, a junior from Seaward, and senior Dave Clare are ahead of Springer on the depth chart. Springer said he doesn't think his 104-yard effort will boost him to the second team. Clare gained 67 yards against Central Methodist.

"I was pretty confident heading into the season that he'd be the No. 1 guy," Springer said of Salmon, who was a part-time starter last season. "I wasn't expecting to start. And then Dave came out and I was third team."



Mike Springer



Brian Salmon

But I never question that I should be playing more. Brian and Dave are both quality fullbacks."

As a matter of fact, Springer said he will only play against Hastings if the Plainsmen are leading toward the end of the game. The Tigers enter the game with a 2-3 record. One win was a forfeit over Colorado School of Mines.

"Brian and Dave have been playing great," he said. "I don't expect Coach Svoboda to put me in just because I played one good game. I'm not going to be sitting on the sideline questioning my playing time."

Almost half of Springer's yards came on one run, a 50-yard gain. He was tackled at the 1-yard line, but scored two plays later.

He said he didn't know how many yards he had until someone told him Tuesday at practice.

"I wasn't quite sure," he said. "I haven't even seen the films yet. I

want to go over and watch it myself to see if it's for real."

Svoboda said he was pleased with the Plainsmen's offense against Central Methodist. Wesleyan gained 551 yards of total offense, including 302 yards rushing. Both totals are season highs.

"Our offense has been playing pretty well the past three weeks," he said.

The Wesleyan defense also had a good game, Svoboda said. Central Methodist was held to 12 yards rushing. Linebacker Steve DeShazer had 12 total tackles and an interception to lead the Plainsmen.

"Steve played pretty well, but it was easier on him because the defense as a whole played well," Svoboda said. "It was hardly a one-guy defensive effort. The whole defense contributed."

Svoboda said the defense will have to continue to play well against Has-

tings.

"We're opening the conference this week, and it's a different season," he said. "No matter what your record is, everybody starts at the same place this week."

Last week's results

Chadron State 24, Doane 12
Concordia, Wis., 41, Concordia 6
Northwestern, Iowa, 39, Hastings 0

Peru State 62, Midland 10
UNO 26, Augustana, S.D., 17
Neb. Wesleyan 46, Central Methodist 8
Emporia State 31, Wayne State 10

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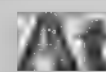
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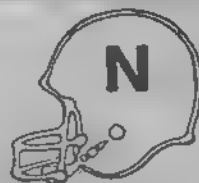
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Explosive Houston to batter Baylor; K-State winning streak will be brief

By Rick Warner
Associated Press

What happens when the nation's best passing team faces the nation's best pass defense? The question will be answered Saturday when 12th-ranked Houston plays Baylor at the Astrodome.

With quarterback Andre Ware directing its explosive run-and-shoot attack, Houston (3-0) leads the country in total offense, passing offense and scoring. The Cougars are averaging 659 yards — 548 of them through the air — and scoring 57 points a game.

Meanwhile, Baylor (2-2) is holding its opposition to an NCAA low of 65 passing yards per game. The Bears are giving up an average of 16.5 points, which is about what Houston scores each quarter.

So something's gotta give.

"There's nobody in the country who can stop us if we don't stop ourselves," Ware says.

Baylor Coach Grant Teaff says the best defense against Houston is a good offense.

"It doesn't take a Sherlock Holmes to know if you've got the ball and they don't, it's the best way to slow them down," he says.

Houston is favored by 17½ points. Be-Ware of the Cougars. ... HOUSTON 48-17.

AP college picks

No. 1 Notre Dame (minus 20½) at Stanford: After showing Notre Dame's pummeling of Purdue last week, ABC decided to skip this one. Good choice. ... **NOTRE DAME 42-7.**

Cincinnati (plus 39) at No. 2 Miami: With Craig Erickson out with a broken finger, freshman quarterback Gino Torretta gets his first start for Miami. After practicing against his own defense, this will seem like a breeze. ... **MIAMI 52-10.**

Missouri (plus 24) at No. 3 Colorado: Colorado is heading for a Nov. 4 showdown against Nebraska. ... **COLORADO 48-14.**

Kansas State (plus 46) at No. 4 Nebraska: Kansas State's winning streak is halted at one. ... **NEBRASKA 48-14.**

Wisconsin (plus 34) at No. 5 Michigan: Bo knows football. ... **MICHIGAN 45-14.**

Georgia (plus 5½) at No. 6 Tennessee: This won't be the first meeting between Ray Goff and Johnny Majors. Goff quarterbacked Georgia in its 1976 Sugar Bowl loss to Pittsburgh, which was coached by Majors. ... **TENNESSEE 24-17.**

No. 7 Arkansas (minus 15) at Texas Christian: The Razorbacks

roll. ... **ARKANSAS 35-17.**

No. 8 Pittsburgh (minus 31) at Temple: Temple has lost its first five games by a combined score of 204-37. ... **PITTSBURGH 56-7.**

Washington (plus 9½) at No. 9 Southern Cal: Two teams heading in opposite directions. Southern Cal has won three straight since dropping its opener to Illinois, while Washington has dropped two in a row after starting the season with two wins. ... **SOUTHERN CAL 24-21.**

Virginia Tech (plus 17) at No. 9 West Virginia: Major Harris against the nation's third leading defense. ... **WEST VIRGINIA 24-10.**

No. 11 Auburn (minus 8) at Kentucky: The Tigers rebound from their loss to Tennessee. ... **AUBURN 28-17.**

No. 13 Alabama (minus 8) at Mississippi: Bama barely escapes with the victory. ... **ALABAMA 14-13.**

Middle Tennessee (no line) at No. 14 N.C. State: N.C. State tunes up for an Oct. 21 clash with Clemson. ... **N.C. STATE 42-0.**

Virginia (plus 10) at No. 15 Clemson: They've played 28 times and Clemson has won them all. ... **CLEMSON 17-14.**

Oklahoma St. (plus 21½) at No. 16 Oklahoma: The Cowboys are having a down year. ... **OKLAHOMA 38-21.**

No. 22 Florida St. (minus 4) at No. 17 Syracuse: A long day for the scoreboard operator. ... **FLORIDA ST. 38-37.**

AP Top 25 at a glance

Team (record) opponent	*Babcock's rating
1. Notre Dame (4-0) is at Stanford	1
2. Miami, Fla. (4-0) hosts Cincinnati	2
3. Colorado (4-0) hosts Missouri	3
4. Nebraska (4-0) hosts Kansas State	4
5. Michigan (2-1) hosts Wisconsin	5
6. Tennessee (4-0) hosts Georgia	6
7. Arkansas (3-0) is at Texas Christian	7
8. Pittsburgh (3-0-1) is at Temple	8
9. Southern Cal (3-1) hosts Washington	9
10. West Virginia (4-0-1) hosts Virginia Tech	10
11. Auburn (2-1) is at Kentucky	11
12. Houston (3-0) hosts Baylor	12
13. Alabama (3-0) is at Mississippi	13
14. North Carolina State (5-0) hosts Middle Tennessee St.	14
15. Clemson (4-1) hosts Virginia	15
16. Oklahoma (3-1) hosts Oklahoma State	16
17. Syracuse (2-1) hosts No. 22 Florida State	17
18. Illinois (2-1) hosts Ohio State	18
19. Texas A&M (3-1) is at Texas Tech	19
20. Air Force (5-0) is at Navy	20
21. Washington State (4-1) is at No. 23 Oregon	21
22. Florida State (2-2) is at No. 17 Syracuse	22
23. Oregon (3-1) hosts No. 21 Washington State	23
24. Michigan State (1-2) is at Iowa	24
25. UCLA (2-2) hosts Arizona State	25
— Fresno State (4-0) hosts Oregon State	24
— East Carolina (3-0-1) is at South Carolina	25

*Journal-Star columnist Mike Babcock is a voter in the AP poll.

NCAA statistics

Team	Car	Yds	Yds Pp
Air Force	322	2399	479.8
Oklahoma	266	1478	369.5
Nebraska	216	1460	365.0
Colorado	238	1414	353.5
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Fresno St.	228	1236	309.0
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Houston	210	126	1644	548.0
Brigham Young	159	100	1571	392.8
San Diego St.	157	98	1464	366.0
Utah	238	122	1683	336.6
Florida St.	162	95	1327	331.8
Miami (Fla.)	188	98	1270	317.5
San Jose St.	113	62	907	302.3
Duke	208	134	1450	290.0
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Miami (Fla.)	135	155	38.8
Southern Cal	119	161	40.3
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Kentucky	68	33	277	92.3
Auburn	61	30	284	94.7
Houston	111	38	296	98.7
N. Mexico St.	74	36	430	107.5
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By Steve Harvey
Universal Press Syndicate

The colleges

The No. 1 spot in the Bottom Ten will remain vacant this week out of memory for Kansas State, which ended a 16-game losing streak and a 30-game winless streak against North Texas on Saturday. So long, you vicious Mildcats.

Victories by the Gophers and Vikings displaced last week's leader — the entire state of Minnesota. However, two of the region's teams, the Twins and Timberwolves, clung to numbers 9 and 10.

Meanwhile, tough times continued for Notre Dame Coach Lou Holtz, who complained on national television after the Purdue game that his second and third teams had terrible performances. Equally beleaguered Tom Osborne, the Nebraska coach, begged his supporters after the Oregon State game: "Hang with us, don't give up on us. We're going to get better."

Nastiest-rooting-section honors went to Yale. When Connecticut band members held up signs that spelled out, "Sue. Marry me. Love John," on behalf of a spectator at halftime, Yale boosters retorted by chanting, "Just say no."

Rankings

School (record)	Last loss	Next loss
1. vacant	idle	idle
2. Texas (1-2)	12-16, Penn St.	Rice
3. Michigan St. (1-2)	20-26, Miami (Fla.)	Iowa
4. Notre Dame (4-0)	def. Purdue 40-7	Stanford
5. LSU (1-2)	def. Ohio U. 57-6	Florida
6. Florida St. (2-2)	idle	Syracuse
7. Clemson (4-1)	17-21, Duke*	Virginia
7½. West Virginia (4-0-1)	0-22, Pitt**	Virginia Tech
8. Nebraska (4-0)	def. Oregon St. 35-7	Kansas St.
9. Twins (80-82)	1-3, Seattle	idle
10. Timberwolves (0-0)	idle	idle

11. Yale cheering section (0-1) (bored sign that said, "Sue. Marry me. Love John"; Sue later said yes to John); 12-14, the Miamis (Florida, Ohio, Idaho) (4-4); 15. Ohio State (Coach John Cooper said, "We've got to get better"); 16. Houston (held to 88 yards rushing by Temple); 17. Auburn (2-1); 18. Iowa (outgained by Tulsa, 394 yards to 283); 19. idle; 20. Cal State-Zsa Zsa (0-1).

*Clemson, a 16-point favorite, wins Comedown of the Week honors.

**Score during the third and fourth quarters; West Virginia blew a 31-9 halftime lead to tie Pitt 31-31.

ROUT OF THE WEEK: Kansas State (1-3) over Nebraska (4-0).

QUOTE BOOK: Kansas State defensive end Maurice Henry, describing the on-the-field celebration after the Wildcats ended their 30-game winless streak: "Little kids were biting my ankles."

FAKE PUNT OF THE YEAR: When Cal punter Robbie Keen faked a kick and threw a long pass, UCLA returner Shawn Wilks called for a fair catch. (He let the ball bounce, instead.)

The pros

In the aftermath of another wild display from Cleveland's "Dawg Pound," Browns' management promised to take action to end the fan practice of throwing dog biscuits on the field. The team henceforth plans to announce before the opening kickoff that the Browns have been fed a pre-game meal and thus require no



further nourishment.

The Cleveland-Denver game was so rowdy that even the officials got into an argument. When one linesman put his arm around referee Tom Dooley, Dooley shoved it off. As the Dawg Pound rampaged out of control, Dooley also had the team switch end zones, which apparently accounted for Cleveland QB Bernie Kosar's 23-yard run. "He had the wind," explained Browns kicker Matt Bahr.

Kosar, by the way, doubled his five-year rushing total in one game, increasing it from 33 to 66. Let's see Eric Dickerson do that!

Controversy also dogged the Colts-Jets game in East Rutherford, N.J., when an apparent touchdown by Indy's Dickerson was reversed by an official who said that Dickerson was stopped just short of the Jimmy Hoffa Memorial End Zone. Dickerson later admitted that his knee touched the ground on the 1-yard-line though "no one touched me." Spooky.

Rankings

Team (record)	Last loss	next loss
1. N.J. Jets (1-3)	Trump Division 10-17, Indy	Raiders
1. Raiders (1-3)	Just Lose, Baby Division 20-24, Seattle	Jets
1. Dallas (0-4)	Beathard's Team Division* 13-30, Giants	Green Bay

*Ex-Skins GM Bobby Beathard said Sunday the Cowboys may lose all 16 games this year.

Boz Meter**

1. With him in lineup (12-12).

2. Without him (6-2).

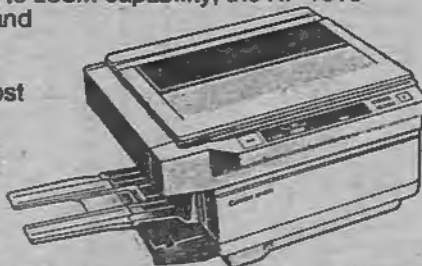
**Seahawks' record since drafting injury-prone Brian Bosworth

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Harrah's college odds

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1. Notre Dame 20½ over Stanford
2. Miami, Fla. 38 over Cincinnati
3. Colorado 24½ over Missouri
4. Nebraska 45 over Kansas State
5. Michigan 33 over Wisconsin
6. Tennessee 5½ over Georgia
7. Arkansas 15 over Texas Christian
8. Pittsburgh 30½ over Temple
9. Southern Cal 9½ over Washington (tie)
10. West Virginia 17½ over Virginia Tech
11. Auburn 9 over Kentucky
12. Houston 18½ over Baylor
13. Alabama 8½ over Mississippi
14. N. Carolina St. vs Middle Tennes-

see, no line

15. Clemson 10 over Virginia
16. Oklahoma 21½ over Oklahoma State
17. Syracuse 4 under No. 22 Florida St.
18. Illinois 5 over Ohio State
19. Texas A&M 8½ over Texas Tech
20. Air Force 13 over Navy
21. Washington St. 4½ under No. 23 Oregon
22. Florida St. 4 over No. 17 Syracuse
23. Oregon 4½ over No. 21 Washington St.
24. Michigan St. 5½ over Iowa
25. UCLA 15 over Arizona State

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Giants battling odds, destiny; Colts can and will run on Bills

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press

Two weeks ago, Buddy Ryan declared that destiny was shining on the Philadelphia Eagles.

It had better shine on them this week or it may have to wait until next year.

The Eagles, who have lost their last two, return home from Chicago battered and bruised to take on the New York Giants, one of the NFL's three unbeaten teams. If the Giants win, the Eagles are down three games plus a service break — a division loss at home.

These are not the Super Giants of 1986. Their 4-0 is a soft 4-0 — wins over Detroit, Phoenix and Dallas hardly qualify you for Super Status.

The oddsmakers consider the Eagles equal to New York — they get the standard three points for home-field advantage.

Still, the Giants have some attributes the 1986 team didn't — a huge offensive line and more explosiveness. If that line controls Reggie White and gives Phil Simms time to pick on the Izel Jenkins' of the world, watch out.

On the other hand, the Giant defense is *not* the Giant defense the world has come to know. If Randall Cunningham gets loose, watch out again.

AP pro picks

On the theory that the Giants are due to lose ... **EAGLES 28-24**

Buffalo (pick 'em) at Indianapolis: Despite its 31-10 win over New England Sunday, there's still some question about Buffalo's level of emotion. Without Shane Conlan, the Bills can be run on, and Eric Dickerson, hamstring and all, can run ... **COLTS 17-14**

Cincinnati (minus 4) at Pittsburgh: When the Bengals beat the Steelers 41-10 three weeks ago, it may have been the best thing that happened to Pittsburgh. Since opening with two losses by a 92-10 score, they've won two straight. Let's see, give them 14 more points for that, three more for the home field and make it ... **BENGALS 24-10**

Raiders (plus 3) at New York Jets: Talent being equal (and it more or less is), give the Raiders the Art Shell incentive, particularly against a team whose middle name is lethargy ... **RAIDERS 21-20**

Dallas (plus 8) at Green Bay: The Cowboys are so bad, they could win this one — the Packers are almost sure to take the lead early and they may not know what to do once they get it. Still ... **PACKERS 27-6**

San Francisco (minus 4½) at New Orleans: The 49ers were kicked out of Candlestick by the (baseball) Giants for this one, which could be all to the liking of the Road Warriors, 3-0 away, 0-1 at home this year. But you know the Saints are in trouble when Morten Andersen's kicks go straight ahead — to the left of the goal post ... **49ers 20-14**

Detroit (plus 12½) at Minnesota: Let's see, Tommy Kramer isn't mad at Mike Lynn, but Joey Browner, Anthony Carter and Chris Doleman are. Unfortunately for Detroit, Lynn isn't suiting up Sunday ... **VIKINGS 24-6**

Cleveland (minus 3½) at Miami: There aren't enough Dol-fans left to throw batteries at Bernie Kosar ... **BROWNS 24-14**

Chicago (plus 5) at Tampa Bay: The Bucs made the 49ers sweat earlier this season. It's still warm in Florida ... **BEARS 20-16**

Other games

(Home Teams in Caps)

Houston (minus 4), 27, **NEW ENGLAND 16**
WASHINGTON (minus 10), 34, **Phoenix 10**
RAMS (minus 10½), 31, **Atlanta 16**
DENVER (minus 7) 20, **San Diego 15**
SEATTLE (minus 7½), 17, **Kansas City 14**



Philadelphia's Randall Cunningham looks for a target.

NFL statistics

Team			
American Conference			
Offense			
	Yards	Rush	Pass
Buffalo	1600	462	1138
Cincinnati	1498	721	777
Houston	1358	527	831
Raiders	1357	479	878
Jets	1342	350	992
Miami	1336	292	1044
Seattle	1286	471	815
San Diego	1282	515	767
Indianapolis	1260	478	782
New England	1250	412	838
Cleveland	1197	424	773
Kansas City	1174	454	720
Denver	1156	551	605
Pittsburgh	920	383	537

Defense			
	Yards	Rush	Pass
Cleveland	1047	439	608
Kansas City	1091	578	513
Cincinnati	1198	529	669
Raiders	1265	653	612
Indianapolis	1306	465	841
New England	1320	424	896
Denver	1356	324	1032
San Diego	1358	479	879
Seattle	1364	507	857
Houston	1365	351	1014
Pittsburgh	1375	474	901
Buffalo	1423	521	902
Jets	1544	391	1153
Miami	1551	483	1068

National Conference			
Offense			
	Yards	Rush	Pass
Green Bay	1701	521	1180
Washington	1630	589	1041
Philadelphia	1589	417	1172
Chicago	1587	703	884
Rams	1539	519	1020
San Francisco	1509	461	1048
Giants	1443	587	856
New Orleans	1408	525	883
Phoenix	1347	370	977
Minnesota	1286	496	790
Detroit	1213	470	743
Atlanta	1188	313	875
Tampa Bay	1058	445	613
Dallas	1001	249	752

Defense			
	Yards	Rush	Pass
Minnesota	846	487	359
San Francisco	1163	436	727
Phoenix	1238	501	737
New Orleans	1308	379	929
Tampa Bay	1318	442	876
Atlanta	1374	559	815
Dallas	1383	582	801
Chicago	1390	511	879

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
Giants	1403	359	1044
Washington	1435	394	1041
Green Bay	1487	519	968
Rams	1509	431	1078
Detroit	1531	515	1016
Philadelphia	1567	451	1116

Individual			
American Conference			
Quarterbacks			
	Att	Com	Yds TD Int
Kelly, Buff.	130	80	1204 10 4
Eslosson, Cin.	97	54	848 7 2
Kosar, Clev.	116	71	822 6 1
Krieg, Sea.	132	76	893 9 3
Moon, Hou.	120	76	896 5 3
Schroeder, Raiders	82	47	774 5 5
McMahon, S.D.	104	60	764 4 3
Brister, Pitt.	106	66	752 3 3
O'Brien, Jets	142	89	1082 6 7
Eason, N.E.	105	57	761 3 4

Rushers			
	Att	Yds	Avg
Dickerson, Ind.	80	354	4.4
Okoye, K.C.	73	331	4.5
Brooks, Cin.	53	302	5.7
Thomas, Buff.	57	295	5.2
Warner, Sea.	57	234	4.1
Allen, Raiders	52	219	4.2
Humphrey, Den.	45	192	4.3
Highsmith, Hou.	39	176	4.5
Williams, Sea.	46	167	3.6
Winder, Den.	53	147	3.2

Receivers			
	No	Yds	Avg
Reed, Buff.	28	464	16.6
Blades, Sea.	19	288	15.2
Shuler, Jets	19	210	11.1
Bernstine, S.D.	19	177	9.3
Thomas, Buff.	18	231	12.8
Williams, Sea.	18	139	7.7
Fernandez, Raiders	17	346	20.4
Toon, Jets	17	251	14.8
Carter, Pitt.	17	122	7.2
Brooks, Ind.	16	303	18.9
Slaughter, Clev.	16	296	18.5
Jones, N.E.	16	247	15.4
Hill, Hou.	14	211	13.2
Jensen, Mia.	16	167	10.4
McNeil, Jets	16	142	8.9

Punters			
	No	Yds	Avg
Gr. Montgomery, Hou.	13	605	63
Stark, Ind.	15	688	59
Newsome, Pitt.	23	998	57
Kidd, Buff.	15	647	60
Goodburn, K.C.	10	424	54
Ilesic, S.D.	14	593	60
Horan, Den.	20	846	56
Rodriguez, Sea.	20	831	57
Johnson, Cin.	13	539	62

Punt returners			
	No	Yds	Avg
Verdin, Ind.	8	120	15.0
Townsell, Jets	6	83	13.8
McNeil, Clev.	11	132	12.0
Tucker, Buff.	6	63	10.5
Fryar, N.E.	9	82	9.1
Stradford, Mia.	6	50	8.3
Bell, Den.	6	40	6.7
Marlin, Cin.	5	30	6.0
Jefferson, Sea.	6	28	4.7

Kickoff returners			
	No	Yds	Avg
Logan, Mia.	12	373	31.1
Woodson, Pitt.	11	309	28.1
Martin, N.E.	9	240	26.7
Metcalfe, Clev.	9	230	25.6
Townsell, Jets	9	228	25.3
Harris, Hou.	11	272	24.7
Jennings, Cin.	10	224	22.4
Jefferson, Sea.	9	200	22.2
Verdin, Ind.	5	108	21.6
Bell, Den.	9	185	20.6

Scoring Touchdowns			
	TD	Rush	Rec
Butts, S.D.	5	5	0
Fernandez, Raiders	4	0	4
Highsmith, Hou.	4	4	0
Manoa, Clev.	4	2	2
Thomas, Buff.	4	1	3
Brooks, Cin.	3	1	2
A. Miller, S.D.	3	0	3
Okoye, K.C.	3	3	0
Skansi, Sea.	3	0	3
Vick, Jets	3	1	2

Kicking			
	PAT	FG	LG
Treadwell, Den.	11-11	9-9	46
Bahr, Clev.	14-14	7-9	48
Zendejas, Hou.	14-14	7-12	52
Norwood, Buff.	14-14	5-6	43
Joeger, Raiders	11-11	5-7	45
Lowery, K.C.	7-7	6-9	47
Leahy, Jets	12-12	4-6	40
Biasucci, Ind.	8-8	5-7	38
Stoyanovich, Mia.	10-11	4-5	31
Gallery, Cin.	13-13	2-6	47
N. Johnson, Sea.	10-10	3-5	48

National Conference			
Quarterbacks			
	Att	Com	Yds TD Int
Everett, Rams	116	77	1062 7 3
Simms, Giants	85	54	886 7 5
Montana, S.F.	134	90	1154 7 3
Hebert, N.O.	99	70	863 4 3
Miller, Atl.	87	54	654 2 0
Temple, Wash.	120	64	1049 6 4
Tomczak, Chi.	113	61	849 7 4

Rushers			
	Att	Yds	Avg
Bell, Rams	90	450	5.0
Anderson, Chi.	83	444	5.3
Riggs, Wash.	81	408	5.0
Anderson, Giants	85	321	3.8
Fullwood, G.B.	59	315	5.3
Hillard, N.O.	74	258	3.5
B. Sanders, Det.	44	255	5.8
Craig, S.F.	66	248	3.8
Settle, Atl.	64	228	3.6
Walker, Dall.	69	202	2.9

Receivers			
	No	Yds	Avg
J. Smith, Phoe.	36	435	12.1
Ellard, Rams	27	471	17.4
Carter, Minn.	24	346	14.4
Sharpe, G.B.	23	374	16.3
Rice, S.F.	22	485	22.0
Byars, Phil.	22	242	11.9
Jackson, Phil.	22	237	10.8
Monk, Wash.	19	333	17.5
Carter, Phil.	18	268	14.9
Walker, Dall.	18	216	12.0
Woodside, G.B.	18	194	10.8

Punters			
	No	Yds	Avg
Arnold, Det.	17	789	64
Saxon, Dall.	21	942	56
Moisienko, Wash.	17	761	63
Heltan, S.F.	16	708	56
Landeta, Giants	14	618	58
Camorillo, Phoe.	14	609	55
Mohr, T.B.	21	869	58
Fulhage, Atl.	21	837	52
Buford, Chi.	16	637	54
Teltschik, Phil.	18	713	58

Punt returners			
	No	Yds	Avg
Henley, Rams	5	89	17.8
Sanders, Atl.	8	125	15.6
Shepard, N.O.	7	91	13.0
Meggett, Giants	12	147	12.3
Green, Chi.	5	59	11.8
Lewis, Minn.	14	161	11.5
Sikahema, Phoe.	11	111	10.1
Williams, Phil.	12	103	8.6
Taylor, S.F.	13	111	8.5
Sutton, G.B.	5	42	8.4

Kickoff returners			
	No	Yds	Avg
Gray, Det.	13	342	26.3
Gentry, Chi.	7	165	23.6
Nelson, Minn.	11	255	23.2
Flagler, S.F.	11	250	22.7
A. Johnson, Wash.	9	198	22.0
Ro. Brown, Rams	16	346	21.6

Scoring Touchdowns			
	TD	Rush	Rec
Anderson, Chi.	5	4	1
Bell, Rams	5	5	0
Fullwood, G.B.	5	5	0
Green, Phoe.	5	0	5
Anderson, Giants	4	4	0
Ellard, Rams	4	0	4
Hillard, N.O.	4	4	0
Rice, S.F.	4	0	4
West, G.B.	4	0	4

Scoring Touchdowns					
	TD	Rush	Rec	Ref	Pts
Anderson, Chi.	5	4	1	0	30
Bell, Rams	5	5	0	0	30
Fullwood, G.B.	5	5	0	0	30
Green, Phoe.	5	0	5	0	30
Anderson, Giants	4	4	0	0	24
Ellard, Rams	4	0	4	0	24
Hilliard, N.O.	4	4	0	0	24
Rice, S.F.	4	0	4	0	24
West, G.B.	4	0	4	0	24

NFL injury report

ATLANTA AT LOS ANGELES RAMS — Falcons: LB John Rade (neck) is doubtful; CB Scott Case (shoulder), LB Joel Williams (groin) are questionable; TE Ron Heller (ankle), QB Hugh Miller (knee), QB Chris Miller (ribs), are probable. Rams: LB Frank Stams (thigh) is questionable.

CHICAGO AT TAMPA BAY — Bears: DT Dan Hampton (knee) is out; RB Brad Muster (back), CB Donnell Woolford (hamstring) are questionable; S Dave Duerson (shoulder), S Markus Paul (foot) are probable. Buccaneers: LB Sidney Coleman (knee) is out; NT Curt Jarvis (toe), S Harry Hamilton (ankle), TE Ron Hall (foot), CB-S Donnie Elder (ankle) are questionable.

DALLAS AT GREEN BAY — Cowboys: QB Troy Aikman (left index finger), LB Ken Norton (knee), CB Robert Williams (knee) are out; DT Danny Noman (groin) is questionable; T Dave Widell (ankle), FB Darryl Johnson (back) are probable. Packers: S Chuck Cecil (hamstring) is out; CB Mark Lee (knee) is questionable.

DETROIT AT MINNESOTA — Lions: KR Mel Gray (shoulder-back) is out; QB Rodney Peete (knee), LB Mike Cofer (foot), are doubtful; CB William White (thumb), RB Carl Pointer (ankle), are questionable; RB Barry Sanders (hip) is probable. Vikings: DT Henry Thomas (knee), G Randall McDaniel (knee), QB Wade Wilson (left ring finger) are out; RB Allen Rice (knee) is doubtful; DE Thomas Straluthers (ankle) is questionable; WR Hassan Jones (groin), TE Steve Jordan (knee) are probable.

SAN FRANCISCO AT NEW ORLEANS — 49ers: S Ronnie Loft (ankle), S Chet Brooks (knee), DE Larry Roberts (shoulder) are questionable; CB Tim McKyer (groin), T Bubba Paris (groin), T Steve Wallace (foot) are probable. Saints: RB Buford Jordan (hamstring), T Stan Brock (ankle), G Brad Edelman (neck) are questionable; C Joel Hilgenberg (hamstring), QB John Faurcade (ankle), QB Bobby Hebert (ankle) are probable.

NEW YORK GIANTS AT PHILADELPHIA — Giants: T John Elliott (back), LB Carl Banks (ribs) are probable. Eagles: S Todd Bell (knee), TE Keith Jackson (back) are out; WR Mike Quick (knee) is doubtful; DT Jerome Brown (knee), P John Tetschik (knee) are questionable.

PHOENIX AT WASHINGTON — Cardinals: DT Bob Clardy (knee) is out; CB Tim McDonald (ankle), RB Ron Wolfley (shoulder) are questionable. Redskins: WR Gary Clark (thigh) is questionable; RB Gerald Riggs (knee) is probable.

BUFFALO AT INDIANAPOLIS — Bills: RB Jamie Mueller (ankle), LB Darryl Talley (knee) are probable. Colts: LB Brian Alston (knee), LB Kurt Larson (knee) are out.

CINCINNATI AT PITTSBURGH — Bengals: QB Turk Schonert (ankle) is questionable; QB Boomer Esiason (ankle), WR Eddie Brown (shoulder), RB James Brooks (shoulder) are probable. Steelers: LB Bryan Hinkle (leg), CB Dwayne Woodruff (knee) are questionable; T Tom Ricketts (foot), CB David Johnson (knee-hip), CB David Arnold (hamstring), CB Ron Woodson (back), RB Tim Worley (toe) are probable.

CLEVELAND AT MIAMI — Browns: C Tom Baugh (ribs-chest) is questionable; CB Tony Blaylock (ankle), CB Hanford Dixon (groin), WR-KR Gerald McNeil (knee), RB Mike Olliphant (hamstring), NT Michael Dean Perry (groin) are probable. Dolphins: LB Rick Graf (thumb), RB Tom Brown (knee) are out; CB Earnest Givens (knee) is doubtful; WR Mark Clayton (knee) is questionable; WR Jim Jensen (neck), S Jarvis Williams (ankle), WR Mark Duper (knee), RB Ron Davenport (groin), NT Brian Sichte (groin) are probable.

HOUSTON AT NEW ENGLAND — Oilers: RB Mike Rozler (knee) is doubtful; C Jay Pennison (ankle), T Dean Steinkuhler (knee), are probable. Patriots: WR Irving Fryar (thigh-knee), S Roland James (groin), RB John Stephens (ankle), RB Mosi Tatupu (ankle) are questionable; LB Vincent Brown (knee), TE Lin Dawson (ankle), S Sean Farrell (knee), QB Doug Flutie (ankle), S Fred Marion (knee), RB Robert Perryman (toe), TE Eric Sievers (knee) are probable.

KANSAS CITY AT SEATTLE — Chiefs: LB Dino Hackett (ankle), S Deron Cherry (ribs), S-KR Danny Capeland (ribs), DE Neil Smith (chest), WR Carlos Carson (groin), are questionable. Seahawks: Report no injuries.

SAN DIEGO AT DENVER — Chargers: T Joel Patton (knee) is doubtful; CB Sam Seale (shoulder), WR Quinn Early (knee), RB Marion Butts (sternum), QB Jim McMahon (back), WR Anthony Miller (back), S Martin Bayless (quad), WR Darryl Usher (hamstring), HB Rod Bernstein (knee) are questionable; C Courtney Hall (ankle), DE Burt Grossman (wrist), DE Lee Williams (back), CB Gili Byrd (ankle), LB Gary Plummer (shoulder), T Brett Miller (knee) are probable. Broncos: NT Greg Kragen (knee) is out; C Keith Kartz (ear infection) is probable.

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS AT NEW YORK JETS — Raiders: S Vann McElroy (hamstring) is out; DE Howie Long (ankle), C Don Mosebar (knee), CB Lionel Washington (hamstring) are questionable. Jets: TE Mickey Shuler (ribs) is doubtful; WR Al Toon (quad), G Mike Haight (ribs) are questionable; G Dan Alexander (calf), G Mike Withycombe (knee), LB Alex Gordon (knee) are probable.

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